

art is familiar. Nucleic acid hybridization parameters may be found in references which compile such methods, e.g. Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, J. Sambrook, et al., eds., Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, 1989, or Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, F.M. Ausubel, et al., eds., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. More specifically, stringent conditions, as used herein, refers, for example, to hybridization at 65°C in hybridization buffer (3.5x SSC, 0.02% Ficoll, 0.02% polyvinyl pyrrolidone, 0.02% Bovine Serum Albumin, 2.5mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>(pH7), 0.5% SDS, 2mM EDTA). SSC is 0.15M sodium chloride/0.015M sodium citrate, pH7; SDS is sodium dodecyl sulphate; and EDTA is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid. After hybridization, the membrane upon which the DNA is transferred is washed at 2x SSC at room temperature and then at 0.1x SSC/0.1% SDS at temperatures up to 68°C.

### In the Claims

Please cancel claim 7. Please re-write the claims as shown below. A marked-up copy of the claims is attached to the end of this amendment as Appendix A.

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising

(a) a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a molecule consisting of a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, or SEQ ID NO:50 and which codes for a polypeptide having a RIP60 activity selected from the group consisting of DNA binding, protein multimerization, and nucleic acid looping,

(b) a nucleic acid molecule that differs from the nucleic acid molecule of (a) in codon sequence due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, and

(c) complements of (a) or (b),

wherein the stringent conditions are hybridization at 65°C in hybridization buffer (3.5x SSC, 0.02% Ficoll, 0.02% polyvinyl pyrrolidone, 0.02% Bovine Serum Albumin, 2.5mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>(pH7), 0.5% SDS, 2mM EDTA); wherein SSC is 0.15M sodium chloride/0.015M sodium citrate, pH7; SDS is sodium dodecyl sulphate; and EDTA is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

2. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises SEQ ID NO:1.